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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Military Information from the Kindel Troop Training Grounds

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1. On 17 December 1953, the cantonment at Kindel (Kindel-Camp) was occupied by a rear detail of about 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 9 and 17 December, source did not observe any training, except for 30 to 40 troops who daily left for wood cutting in the wooded area north of Highway No 84. The timber was trucked to a sawmill in Gotha. Vehicular traffic was very light during the period under review.
2. According to orders by the Eisenach komendatura, Kapellen Strasse in the south section of the town was vacated by Germans after 10 December. The vacation was to be completed by 28 December, as 60 officers with their families were expected to arrive in Eisenach from Ohrdruf in late December.
3. On 8 December, the Hainaer Holz Cantonment in the Gotha forest, west of Haina, was occupied by about 30 to 50 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 1 and 8 December, source determined a cantonment of about 35 temporary buildings, including several newly erected buildings, in the west section of the camp, just east of the southern parking lot. Source did not observe any new buildings in the central and eastern camp section. On 2 December, source determined that the tank driving area used during the maneuvers was located just south-south-east of Wolfsbehringen in the triangle formed by the Wolfsbehringen-Haina barrier road and the approach road to Highway No 84 from the above barrier.
4. Between 9 and 17 December, source did not observe any loadings or unloadings at the Eisenach railroad station. Nor did any military shipments pass through the station.

Comment. The two known camps appear to be occupied as previously by guard and fatigue details. The tank training area mentioned in paragraph 3 is reported for the first time.

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